

# NEWS FROM FIELD AND OFFICE

Because of bad weather, the first game of the Hardrock Nite Ball League was postponed from May 3 to Tuesday evening, May 10. On that night, at Kendall Field in Banning, teams from East Portal and the Banning Headquarters will start a two-month schedule of night ball games to be played by teams representing each tunnel camp on the San Jacinto job and the Banning Headquarters. As advertised, the opening battery for the first game will consist of pitcher, J. L. Burkholder, and catcher B. C. Leadbetter. The game will start at 7:30 P.M., and clients are urged to find their seats early, as there will be no admission charge.

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Bullock's Los Angeles store is displaying a Metropolitan Aqueduct exhibit in one of its windows on Hill street during the weeks of May 7 and 11. Included in the exhibit are twelve color pictures of aqueduct construction features, and a new colored map of the project prepared by "Von" Meyer of the Distribution Division.



Enjoying a leisurely view of Cajaleo Reservoir from the parapet of the dam are, left to right: Resident Engineer Dick Ward; Morton Macartney of the R.F.C.; Assistant General Manager J. L. Burkholder; R. J. Cummins, consulting engineer for the R.F.C.; B. C. Leadbetter, general superintendent of San Jacinto tunnel; J. H. Roper, supervising engineer of R.F.C.; and Distribution Engineer R. B. Diemer.

## Aqueduct Temperatures

April 16 to 30, 1938

	Max.	Min.
Div. 1	104°	55°
Div. 2	102°	55°
Div. 3	101°	55°
Div. 5	91°	38°

The Mining and Contracting Review of April 26 (Published in Salt Lake City) prints two items of general interest to all aqueducts:

"The U. S. Indian Service will open bids, June 1, on the first dam to be constructed below Parker Dam on the Colorado River, to be called the Headgate dam. (To be located between Parker Dam and Earp). The dam will be rock faced on both faces, 1,450 feet long and 50 feet high. Estimates on the dam place its cost at \$2,000,000."

"Charles F. Shea, Portland, Oregon, contractor (The J. F. Shea Co., Inc., as known on the aqueduct), was low bidder last week (April 22) on the Westchester, New York, tunnel project, involving approximately \$12,000,000."

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The aqueduct's clan was increased by one new member on April 29, by the arrival into this world of Miss Joan Marie Bonelli. Miss Joan's aqueduct lineage extends on both sides of her family, her mother having been the former Frieda Artman who started work for the District in the Banning office in April, 1933. Mel Bonelli, the proud but jittery father, has been on the Colorado River Aqueduct project since March 29, 1926, when he was employed as a draftsman at Beaumont on the preliminary surveys. He is now senior inspector at the Cabazon shaft on the San Jacinto tunnel, and was one of the District's first inspectors on the tunnel job. The new arrival weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces, but rumor has it that her father lost about twice that amount, and between waiting for a new arrival, and waiting for Cabazon heading to make a new record (see page 3), Mel acquired a couple of gray hairs.

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Apparently aqueducts are "light opera" minded. Everett Farmer, President of the Employees Association, reports that he has already sold over \$200 worth of tickets for the current season of the Los Angeles Light Opera Association. The season runs from May 16 to June 6, inclusive.



The start of a half-mile walk. After he gets to the next opening in this section of Distribution Schedule 23SC, Inspector Red Irvine (the eastern exposé has been presented in previous issues of the NEWS) will have to call for a gantry crane to straighten the kinks out of him.

In a recent County Civil Service examination for engineers, number 1 place among the 70 or 80 who took the examination was taken by Harold H. Hultgren of the M.W.D. Design Division.

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Harold Sharp, formerly structural engineer in the Electrical-Mechanical Division, resigned from the District on April 21 to accept an engineering position with the Works Progress Administration.

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Col. N. F. Jamieson, District Labor Employment Officer, and his staff at the Labor Office, are making a detailed check of the number of men who have thus far been employed on the aqueduct construction and find that the total is in excess of 36,000.

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San Jacinto hardrockers are in the movies again. A Pathé News camera crew spent most of the day on May 3 taking motion pictures in the Potrero heading. The newsreel is expected to be released to Southern California theaters during the week ending May 14.

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Junior Engineer R. W. Doyle has been transferred from Division 1 engineering staff to the Division 3 pumping plants.

## CONDUITS COMPLETED ON MAY 5

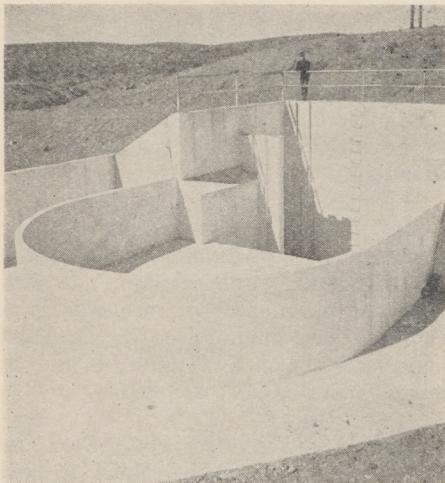
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Crossing 150 miles of area, most of which is desert, the open work construction on the main aqueduct has been one of the most spectacular projects in the Southwest. Because of the size and length of the various features, and the many types of unusual equipment devised especially for the work, this construction has attracted national interest.

The construction of the canals brought out entirely new types of machinery, and the equipment used on the conduits and siphons had to be specially adapted to meet the requirements of this big job. The job includes 62.8 miles of canals, 54.5 miles of conduits, and 28.7 miles of siphons.

Principal construction contractors on this open work were Aqueduct Construction Co.; Barrett & Hilp and Macco Corp.; Jahn and Bressi Construction Co.; Wood and Bevanda; The Utah Construction Co.; Three Companies, Inc.; Thompson-Starrett Co., Inc.; United Concrete Pipe Corp.; J. F. Shea Co., Inc.; Morrison-Knudsen Co., and Griffith Company.

Division Engineers supervising this work for the District were R. C. Booth, W. E. Whittier, John Stearns, O. J. Schieber, and J. B. Bond. All open work construction has been under the direction of Assistant General Manager J. L. Burkholder.



This graceful structure is the Whipple Mountain spillway on the main aqueduct. It was built by District force account crews under the direction of Maintenance Engineer W. J. Neale.

General Foreman John H. "Jack" Schweer has been transferred from the Intake and Gene pumping plants to the Division 3 plants.

## Who's Who On the Aqueduct



John R. Richards



John H. Ramboz



Don J. Kinsey

### JOHN R. RICHARDS

*Member of the Board of Directors, M.W.D., Representative of Los Angeles*

Born in Wisconsin in 1876. . . Attended common schools in that state and graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1896. . . Continued with law course and was admitted to State Bar of Wisconsin in 1898. . . Taught school and coached football at Colorado Springs high school. . . Was head football coach at the University of Wisconsin 1911, 1917, 1919-1922. (Ed. Note: While in college, Mr. Richards was captain of the Wisconsin football teams of 1895 and 1896, and was a famous full-back in the Western Conference—now the Big 10—during the seasons 1893-96). Was in investment business in Chicago at various times between 1904 and 1911. Was member of the Chicago South Park Commission 1912-1916. During the war he was National Chairman of the Commission on Living Conditions for War Workers, having his headquarters in Washington, D. C. . . Came to Los Angeles in 1922 and was admitted to the State Bar of California. . . Since that time has been in investment banking business. . . Was member of Los Angeles Water and Power Commission 1926-29, during which time he served two years as president of the Commission. . . Member of the Board of Directors of the M.W.D. since December, 1928. . . Is member of Finance, Insurance, San Jacinto Tunnel, Water Problems and Boulder Dam Power committees. . . Married.

### JOHN H. RAMBOZ

*Member of the Board of Directors, M.W.D., Representative of San Marino*

A native son, having been born in Los Angeles, January 16, 1879. . . Attended public schools in this city. . . Was with Merchants National Bank of Los Angeles for 25 years, 15 years of this time being Vice President and Cashier. . . 1928 to date, member of Los Angeles firm of Ramboz and Shepard, Financial

and Business Counselors. . . Is President of Ambassador Hotel Company, Director of J. W. Robinson Co., and Chairman of Executive Committee of Board of Directors of Globe Grain and Milling Co. . . Member of Board of Directors of M.W.D. since September, 1933. Is member of Organization, Land, and Water Problems committees. Is married. . . Lists "informal" golf as hobby.

### DON J. KINSEY

*Assistant to the General Manager, M.W.D.*

Born May 9, 1895, Tremont, Ill. . . Attended high school in Delavan, Ill., and graduated from Lake Forest College in 1917. . . Worked as newspaper reporter in Lake Forest and Chicago in 1915 and 1916. . . 1st Lieut. Infantry, U. S. A., 1917-1919. . . Chicago newspaper reporting again after war. . . Was on staff of Chicago City News Bureau, Chicago American and Chicago Tribune. . . Came to Los Angeles in 1920 and was newspaper reporter on Los Angeles Express 1920-1922. . . In 1922 organized publicity department for Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Shortly thereafter prepared first educational booklet on Boulder Dam project for national distribution. Organized and operated Southwest News Service which supplied news, photo and editorial matter for newspapers throughout United States concerning Boulder Dam and Colorado River Aqueduct projects. . . Director of Public Information, Metropolitan Water District, 1931-1932. During 1930 and 1931 directed educational campaign in support of Aqueduct bond issue voted Sept. 29, 1931. . . Has been Assistant to the General Manager, M.W.D. since 1932. . . States, "During early boyhood lived on farms where there was plenty of water to run under bridges and, as far as I can remember, was regarded chiefly of value for skating, swimming, and catfish catching purposes."